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Sir or Madam:

A non-final Office action for the above-referenced application was mailed August 11, 2004. In light of the following remarks, Applicants request a Notice of Allowance.